

COOKE OPENS BIG DRIVE AGAINST FOOD GOUGERS

Dealers Who Demand High Profits to Feel Power of Administration

Was an unparitric grocer and vegetable dealer, who are gouging the public by demanding from 100 to 200 per cent profit for potatoes, onions, cabbage and apples is being waged by County Food Administrator Jay Cooke.

The first step in this campaign was taken when the food administrator ruled that seventy-five cents for a half bushel of potatoes was sufficient to allow the dealer a profit of at least twenty-five cents. Mr. Cooke contends that the whole plan of saving wheat flour is to be abandoned.

BUSINESS MEN BACK DAYLIGHT-SAVING BILL

United Association, With 18,000 Members, Expected to Support Economy Measure

Action looking to securing the indorsement of the United Business Men's Association in support of the daylight saving bill, taken by leading members of the organization and it is expected that this association will support the other business interests of the city within the next few days.

"BLACK LOUIE" JAILED ON BOGUS BAIL CHARGE

Tender Character Sentenced for Perjury in Case of Woman From Notorious House

A plea of guilty to an indictment charging perjury was entered today by "Black Louie" Smith, of Frankford, in being Calowhill, the charges arising from an affidavit he made in entering bogus bail before Magistrate Yates about two months ago. Judge Ryan, presiding in the Court of Quarter Sessions, sentenced Smith to a term of not less than one year nor more than eighteen months in the Eastern Penitentiary.

SWINDLED OUT OF \$1500

Chestnut Street Man Victimized by Variation of Film-Flam Game

John Char, 1240 Chestnut street, was robbed of \$1500 last night by two men. He was taken to the police station and asked where the Spaniard could be found. Char told him and the stranger produced a roll of bills and promised Char \$100 if he would meet him. The two men met another stranger who said he also had a lot of money.

Officers & Enlisted Men!

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GEORGE NOX M'CAIN

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Newspaper Man Accepts Federal Post With Condition That No Salary Attaches

Colonel George Nox McCain, veteran newspaper correspondent, author, lecturer, editor and publisher, has been appointed as a member of the advisory council and news director for the Federal food administration in Pennsylvania. The new post was created as a result of a request that the newspapers of the State co-operate with the administration, Colonel McCain accepting it with the understanding that he receive no salary.

Colonel McCain, whose career has taken him into many thrilling situations, has been arrested as a spy in Venezuela and Constantinople, and barely escaped arrest in Serbia. He was born in Allegheny City, Pa., January 27, 1856. One of his first ventures was publishing the Times and Mining Journal at Mount Pleasant. He later became city editor and New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, and in 1889-1892 and 1894-96 was on the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Press. He was correspondent of that paper during the British-Venezuela boundary excitement of 1896. Colonel McCain has traveled extensively and last year has lectured on Bulgaria, Serbia, Alaska, Egypt, Tunisia and the Sahara, Yucatan and other foreign countries. He was appointed to the staff of Governor Hastings in 1895. In 1872 he married Mary V. Overholt, cousin of Henry C. Frick, millionaire steel manufacturer.

CHARGE NEGRESS SOLD LIQUOR TO SAILORS

Prisoner Declares She Gave \$5 to Policeman to Be "Protected"

Martha Moore, negress, South street above Twenty-first street, and Lebron Goodson, of the same address, were arrested before U. S. Commissioner Long this morning, the former charged with selling liquor to sailors and the latter as a material witness in the case. The house on South street was raided last night by Detective Leo Strange, Whitworth and Vaughn, who found the Moore woman with two sailors and some beer on the table. She admitted selling the liquor to the men and said she had given a policeman named Knox, of the Nineteenth District, \$5 to be "protected." She said that she had received the money until it was suggested to her by this policeman.

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Bontell Jersey SUITS DRESSES & COATS

THE NEW favored Sports Suit of "Bontell" Jersey has brought with it the semi-dress suit which has all the qualities of a Sport Suit combined with those of the more formal type. As illustrated.

35.00

Other "Bontell" Jersey Sport Models

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New Tailored Blouses

Tailored blouse of striped habutai effectively finished with bands and vestee of white silk. 5.00

Tailored blouse of white handkerchief linen, pique collar and cuffs, vestee also of pique, fastens with bow of navy ribbon. 7.50

SHOULD LAY IN HALF OF COAL SUPPLY SOON

Potter Advises Citizens to Buy 50 Per Cent of Winter Fuel Before October 1

"Citizens of Pennsylvania should purchase 50 per cent of their winter coal supply before October 1."

This statement, made this morning by State Fuel Administrator William Potter, was included in a general observation on the coal situation as it affects next winter's supplies, in which the State fuel administrator reiterated his request to the public to purchase as much as possible of the winter's coal supply before next fall.

"If this State buys 50 per cent of its coal before October 1, it will amount to more than 1,250,000 tons," he said. "As a rule there is not more than 38 per cent purchased before that time."

He also called attention to the rate decrease which goes into effect April 1, and which gradually increases ten cents a month, effective the first of each month, until September 1, when the old rate is automatically reached.

"Your own cellar is the best 'storage yard,'" he added in conclusion.

Pennsylvania coal operators will continue to give preference in fuel shipments to railroads, domestic consumers, army and navy cantonments and other preferred consumers under the fuel administrator's edict of January 17, as the order revoking the priority regulations announced at Washington does not apply to this State.

In addition to Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and eastern Kentucky are not included in the order suspending the regulation in the States east of the Mississippi.

William Potter, administrator for coal, in still conducting the campaign to insure deliveries of "clean" coal. Several operators have been summoned to his office and told what they must do to remain in the coal business.

An error in the interpretation of an order of the Federal fuel administration led to the publication in the Evening Post-Letter March 2 that the coal yard of J. E. Kunkel, Sixty-third and Market streets, had been closed. The yard was not closed, it was learned today, and Federal agents, after inspection of the yard, have given a clean bill of health to a large proportion of Kunkel coal.

The order as issued to the company was not to deliver any coal from the yard that day, unless the coal dealer gave all his employees reasonable certainty that every pound of fuel was up to the standard of this administration," it was explained at the office of Francis A. Lewis, chairman of the Philadelphia coal committee. "It was inferred that the instructions were such that there would be no alternative but to close the yard for a period."

BOY FIGHTS FOR CAR

Owner and Two Policemen Battle to Recover It

William T. Towers, of Ridley Park, has his motor car again today, but it required three men a fierce fight to take it away from fifteen-year-old James Tager, south Forty-fifth street, near Laurelton avenue.

"I just wanted to learn to run the machine," said the youth.

Towers, seeing the boy make off with the car at Fifty-sixth street and Chester avenue, last night, jumped on the running board. The boy put up a battle, but Towers, clinging desperately to the moving automobile, turned off the gas and stopped the car. The struggle attracted Reserve Policeman Holding Tager, who came to the scene. The young prisoner was taken to the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station and later to the House of Detention for a hearing.

Need Manual Training Teachers

Oliver P. Corum, associate superintendent of Philadelphia schools, says that if there are any women in Philadelphia who can qualify as teachers of manual training, he wishes they would come forward at once. The schools of the city are in need of just such teachers. Already there are several women who are showing the male youth of the city how to wield hammer and saw, especially in the seventh and eighth grades of the Welsh-Calhoun, the Lea, the McIntyre and the Hancock Schools. The salaries range from \$300 to \$1000 per year.

Upholds Lower Court's Decision

The decision of Municipal Court Judge Crane that subscribers to stock in the Philadelphia Motor Speedway Association are liable for their membership subscription in the association, which was formed to build and operate a motor racing track at Hathero, was affirmed by Judge Henderson in the Superior Court.

TINWARE PLANT FIRE CAUSES \$50,000 LOSS

Seven Firemen Overcome, Two Suffer Burns, at Bread Street Factory

Seven firemen were overcome by smoke, two of them were seriously burned about the face and hands and damage estimated in excess of \$50,000 was done when the tinware manufacturing plant of Hasket, Flanagan & Co., 121-125 Bread street, was swept by flames early this morning.

The fire, probably of incendiary origin, was discovered in the basement by the night watchman. No one had any authority to be in the basement at the time.

Of the seven injured firemen, Lieutenant Joseph Russell, of Truck Company No. 2, Fourth and Race streets, and Harry Bookelman, a ladderman of this truck company, are in the Pennsylvania Hospital with serious burns. It is feared that Lieutenant Russell will be permanently disfigured about the face, as a result of the burns he received when a blazing timber fell upon him as he was trying to take an unconscious comrade from the building.

The other injured are Captain William Groff, Truck No. 4, Second and Race streets; John M. McCormick, Engine Company No. 8, Second and Quarry streets; Becker, a hoseman of Engine Company No. 5; David White and James Kilson.

Captain Groff was overcome while on the fifth floor of the burning building. He was rescued by Geiger and Steward, laddermen of Truck No. 2, who carried him to a place of safety. He was treated by police surgeons.

The fire engines experienced some trouble in getting to the fire, the flames gaining headway on the street floor before the first fire engine arrived.

The flames spread with startling rapidity and reached the third floor before enough water could be played upon them. The building is an eight-story brick structure. Every floor was damaged either by flames or by water.

The district where the blaze occurred is known as the "fine hole," because, it is said, the peculiar construction of the buildings in the area are such that fire fighting is a matter of great difficulty. It was reported recently by members of the fire that this was the only plant in the neighborhood which had not been visited by a serious fire in the last thirty years.

The firm employs seventy-five men, none of whom, excepting the watchman, was in the building when the fire was discovered as far as known.

The authorities are investigating the origin of the fire. Much of the tinware stock on hand, which was being manufactured for the soldiers and sailors of the United States, was ruined. The tinware was to be sent to several countries through subcontractors. Much of the destruction of certain dies used in stamping the tin. It was said that the machinery destroyed could not be replaced at this time.

FRANKFORD PIONEER DEAD

William B. Dixon, of Long-Lived Family, Expires at Ninety

William Bartlett Dixon, one of the oldest and best known residents of Frankford, died yesterday at his home, 414 Penn street. Mr. Dixon, who was past ninety years old, was the youngest of twelve children, all of whom lived in more than seventy-five and three of them past eighty. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Morley, and three daughters and two sons, all of whom are married. Last September he and his wife celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary. His widow is eighty-seven and his mother died when she was ninety-two.

Mr. Dixon was born in Pine Creek, Luzerne County, November 20, 1827. His father was one of the pioneer iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania. He was a direct descendant of Robert Dixon, who settled in Talbot County, Md., in 1655, of whom it was said he was the first man in America to liberate his slaves. Mr. Dixon was a member of the Frankford Historical Society.



AVIATOR TAKES BRIDE

While en route to Texas to enter training in the aviation corps, Lieutenant James L. Baxter, of Crafton, Pa., a graduate of Dickinson College, was married to Miss Lillian Foreman, of Carlisle.

FIRE AT SCHUETZEN PARK

Stables and Grandstands Damaged by Flames

Fire that started early today in the stables of the Philadelphia Schuetzen Verein, at Schuetzen Park, Tabou road near Seventh street, destroyed part of the stables, part of the park grandstand and part of the adjacent grandstand of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Athletic Association.

The total damage is about \$300. The cause of the fire is unknown. Schuetzen Verein is German for rifle club.

LANDLADY WOUNDED, BOARDER IS ACCUSED

Police Capture Man Several Hours After Shooting of Germantown Woman

Mrs. Almedia Linder, fifty-five years old, 49 Brighthelm street, Germantown, was shot and seriously wounded shortly before 7 o'clock today. According to a statement made to the police by Mrs. Linder, Herman Kister, forty-seven years old, who boarded with her for several years, did the shooting.

The police arrested Kister this afternoon as he left a galoon at Sheldon and Ashmead streets. He was taken to the Germantown police station. When questioned he appeared dazed and insisted that he didn't recall a thing concerning the shooting.

The wounded woman is in the Germantown Hospital. She has two bullets in her breast, and although her condition is serious, it is expected she will recover.

Kister, she told the police, returned to the house this morning after being away all night. He was intoxicated and came into the kitchen, where she was getting breakfast. There was no argument, but Kister suddenly drew two revolvers, and began to brandish them. Mrs. Linder, a daughter of the wounded woman, attempted to phone the police, but was prevented by Kister's threat to kill her if she took the receiver off the hook.

Mrs. Kister then undertook to calm the excited man and offered to cook him a breakfast. As she turned from the stove, Kister fired twice. He then ran from the house. Mrs. Linder telephoned the police, who removed the injured woman to the hospital.

The meat of the matter is just this—Similar Overcoats, Similar Suits will sell next Fall and Winter for \$28 to \$38, at the most conservative estimate! That makes it immensely worth your while to buy several of them right now to hold against next season's needs.

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Pablo Casals. Appearing at the Academy of Music, March 8, afternoon; March 9, evening. Pablo Casals, greatest living master of the cello, is a Spaniard by birth. His art has won for him fame and honors such as few musicians have received, for he is a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur, Commander of the Order of Franz Josef and of the Order of the Crown of Roumania, and the proud possessor of the Beethoven Gold Medal. In his several concert tours of America, Casals has received many remarkable tributes from the musical critics. Edward C. Moore, of the Chicago Journal, said: "He is not a violoncellist, but the violoncellist."